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## IN PARLIAMENT.

The Legislative Council met at 10 o'clock last night and got through a considerable amount of business. A petition signed by the chairman and members of the Congregational Union of New South Wales was presented against the Tobacco Bill, and after reading the Tobacco Bill, the Council proceeded to the consideration of the Bill for the amendment of the Navigation Act. The Bill for the amendment of the Navigation Act was carried through its remaining stages. The Bill for the amendment of the Navigation Act was carried through its remaining stages. The Bill for the amendment of the Navigation Act was carried through its remaining stages.

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## SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

## CHINA.

**THE FRENCH CONcession AT SHANGHAI.**  
**PROTESTS BY MERCHANTS.**  
LONDON, Dec. 19.  
British, American, German, and Japanese merchants at Shanghai have sent to their respective Ministers at Peking protests couched in identical terms against the extension of the French concession at Shanghai.

## AMERICA AND GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 20.  
The United States Government is taking steps to exclude adulterated food from America in retaliation for the action of Germany in threatening to prevent the admission of American meats into Germany.

## CARICATURE THE KAISER.

LONDON, Dec. 20.  
A German artist named Heine has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for caricaturing the Emperor William in a Berlin comic journal.

## THE ALL-BRITISH CABLE.

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The "Times" has an article this morning on Sir Sanford Fleming's scheme of an all-British cable connecting Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa.

## BRITISH POLITICS.

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It is understood that Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, M.P., will succeed Sir William Harcourt as leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, and that the late Liberal chief will not oppose the return of Lord Rosebery to the leadership of the party.

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## THE DREYFUS CASE.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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In the French Chamber of Deputies last night, the Ministry was interpellated in regard to the Dreyfus secret dossier. M. Dupuy, the Premier, said the dossier was not to be disclosed.

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M. Brissot, the late Premier, denied that the security of the State would be affected by the production of the secret dossier, hence his asking for a revision of the Dreyfus sentence.

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M. Carvagne, late Minister for War, said the Government of which he had been a member saw only what he chose to show them. The other documents issued showed that Dreyfus was guilty.

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A vote of confidence in the Dupuy Government was carried by a large majority.

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M. De Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the "Times," says that M. De Freycinet, Minister for War, withholds an "ultra secret" dossier which was not shown to the Court-martial. It did not affect Dreyfus, but proved the existence of Russian espionage with the object of enabling Russia to secure from France patents of quick-firing cannon.

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SILVER.

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### MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

#### ANNANDALE.

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Mayor in reference to the fees charged for military assistance was considered in committee.

**CARRAMATTA AND CANLEY VALE.**

A meeting of the above council was held at the Association Hall, Canley Vale, on Thursday evening, the 1st instant. Present:—The Mayor (Alderman) presiding, the Aldermen—Ainslie, Taylor, Simpson, and Watson. Alderman Linley, who had been absent for over two months, also took his seat at the council table, but was formed by the Mayor that his seat had become vacant, said he would dispute the Mayor's ruling, but upon the subject being brought on the subject being raised, retired, at the same time asserting that he would oppose any person who contested the Mayor. A letter was received from the Treasury Department intimating the amount of £15 had been placed in the

The Commercial Bank, Liverpool, as part of its normal business, has been asked to provide a loan of £100,000 to the main southern road. The Department of Lands would suggest if the council would accept receipt of a guarantee of 25 acres, situated within the municipality of the council, as security for the loan. The Mayor, he had replied in the affirmative. The secretary of the Cabmen's Progress Association had requested a reply to their communication respecting the proposed Cumberland-street. The clerk was instructed to give the effect that when the works committee had finished the street a definite reply would be sent. The finance committee's report, recommending payment of a vote of thanks to the secretary of the daymen's union for his services during the year, was adopted. The council then adjourned until 8 o'clock on the following night. A list of defaulting ratepayers was laid on the table, and the Mayor intimated that the council was to first institute legal proceedings against those who had not paid the current year's rates, and then to proceed against others. Alderman Westcott said he

opposed to the Mayor taking any action respecting any of rates until the Finance Committee had gone through the matter and decided upon the same. This course of action was approved by the Council. The Council then decided on the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to take such action as may be decided on by resolution of the Council in June, 1904, in relation to the proposed new franchise of the City of St. Louis. The Mayor said that such a resolution interfered with the duties of the Mayor according to the provisions of Municipalities Act. He would place a motion on the business paper for next meeting dealing with the matter and in the meantime move,—" That the question be over for consideration at next meeting. Alderman Astumias seconded the motion, which was carried.

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lamps respectively from the 1st of January next. A claim for the same was made by the defendant on the 1st of January next from Mr. P. C. Thiel complaining of the bad smells arising from the gutters in Lower Tupper street, and referring to the borough council for immediate attention. Messrs. Norton, Smith and Co. were in reference to the claim for the same. He stated that the defendant had made an offer but that it had been made of £175 to £125. He stated that the matter was referred to the borough council. The matter was referred to the borough council. The manager of the Sydney Permanent Building and Building Company, Limited, wrote to the defendant stating that the bridge over Cook's River at the drill-road was approaching completion, and suggesting that the council might take steps to have the approaches made simultaneously with the other approaches.

As the operating of the bridge was under consideration, the matter was referred to the Works Committee. The chairman of it at the time, Mr. J. H. Bland, wrote a letter in which he indicated how the street known as Charles Avenue would be affected by the new bridge. The committee decided to refer the matter to the West Ward Aldermen. The reports of the borough engineer, surveyor, and works and sanitary committees were read and adopted. On the recommendation of the finance committee accounts amounting to £104 were passed for payment. The chairman of the committee, Alderman Carter, said he was pleased to be able to say that the funds were in such a satisfactory condition that there would be no need to curtail their working during the year.

The borough engineer (Mr. W. A. Clarke) reported a credit balance of £6,987. The Mayor reported that he had been

proceedings indiscriminately for the recovery of rates, and had already been successful in securing a verdict. Alderman Chubb said he thought that judgments were obtained the Mayor might use his discretion as to issuing execution. The Mayor said the council might feel assured that he would not unduly press any case. He was very sorry to have to take proceedings against him, but he had to do his duty in the course of his office.

Motion: Alderman Josephson moved—That we encourage property owners to contribute towards improvements in their districts by contributing labour and material for all such work as may be required for the betterment of the neighbourhood, street, thoroughfare or the like, and for all other applications carried out involving the full or partial expenditure of cost," seconded by Aldermen Bremer and Paul. Alderman Clarke moved.—That

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carried." That the ratepayers on the new Canton road be notified that street watering rates and sewer rates must be paid forthwith, and that it is the intention of this council to discontinue the charge at the expiration of the current municipal year, when the sewer will be ordered free of cost, and similar arrangements made to be already adopted in Morrisville Road, provided the Council pays half the cost, and the "Verby." Signed by Aldermen, Marshall, and Correll. "That with a view to completing the Morrisville municipal sewerage for the 1896-97 term as possible, tenders be called for the same competent to act as valuers, such tenders to be irrevocable not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19th, 1896." Seconded by Alderman Cornhill, and carried.

**PADDINGTON.**  
The fortnightly meeting of the Paddington Council, held on the 10th instant, at which the Mayor (Alderman T. J. West) presided, was attended by Aldermen T. J. George, C. W. Baker, A. Pountney, M. E. S. Wye, J. Lees, J. Dillon, W. Brown, A. Walker, G. Walker, W. Fisher, and the clerk (Mr. A. Vismont). Correspondence was received from Mr. T. H. Glascock, secretary, Glebe, informing the council that the Glebe Council were of opinion that the present Transit Commission should be abolished, and that they would re-open the question of a new commission. The Mayor informed the Paddington Council to that effect. January 27 was also the date for holding the conference of the various municipal councils upon the subject. Alderman Whysall was

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had informed him that they had no power to do so to municipal councils. The only thing they could do was to endeavour to obtain the same from the Minister of Public Works who had control of the department. He agreed that a deputation should wait upon the Minister for Works upon the subject.

for reported that there was no mischievous report were received, and it was decided to forward a letter with the report to the writer of the letter. The letter arrived from the Borough Council of Halifax agreeing to the proposal that the Council should be repaid at the proposal that Philip Street under certain circumstances joint trust of the two Councils. It was decided to counter the cost not to exceed £400. It was decided to modify the letter, and to ask the Halifax Council to modify the letter of £400 as the cost was only given as probable. Mr. H. Pyre, of Rose Hill, wrote calling attention to the importance of the Halifax Council to send drilling to the vicinity of St. Paul's Pottery. The contractor for work and threatened to discontinue as terms got struck, and was the only approach; to the works, it became a matter of transfer. Allegation Dunning suggested that the construction of the works.

for the Cooper Estate be asked to make a road exposed to the drifting of the ice. After discussing the matter was left in the hands of the Mayor. The following motions were carried:—By Alderman Adams: "That Haglan-street, from Elizabeth-street to Surrey-street, a distance of 97 yards, be repaired with ballast and tarmacadam at a probable cost of £192." By Alderman Flooper:—"That the council invite applications for the position of foreman of works and inspector of nuisances to this council at a salary of £125 per week."

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